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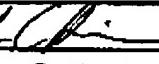
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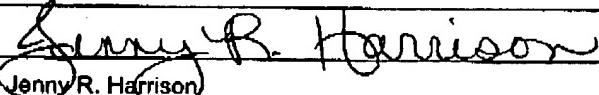
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED 04JAN07

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In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on 04JAN07 for the above-identified patent application, please consider the following response.

Amendments to the **Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the **claims** are given in the listing that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Traversing remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.